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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTIONS

1-PANAMA CITY--FEB. 24 MORNINGS GIVE LIMITED SPACZ AND NO EDITORIAL  
COMMENT TO SENATE TREATY DEBATE. PRO-GOP MATUTINO CARRIES PAGE ONE  
EFE ITEM, "CONSERVATIVE SENATORS RETURN TO WORK AFTER THEIR MORAL DEF  
EAT,"  
AND ENGLISH STAR AND HERALD FRONT PAGES RICHARD PYLE AP STORY, "TREAT  
Y  
OPPONENTS PESSIMISTIC; ALLEN:#65 TO 68 READY TO APPROVE."

2-FEB. 23 AFTERNOONER LA REPUBLICA EDITORIALIZES THAT OPPOSITION SENA  
TORS  
SHOULD NOW SEE THAT PANAMANIAN CAUSE WILL TRIUMPH: "THE CAREFULLY  
ESCALATED, SYNCHRONIZED AND WELL-PUBLICIZED FARCE (ACCUSATIONS OF GEN

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59448'9 ' INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFIC) DID NOT GIVE THE RESULTS ITS  
PROONENTS WERE LOOKING FOR...THE VIGILANT ATTITUDE OF THE  
PANAMANIAN...SERVED AS A CLEAR WARNING TO ADVERSARIES OF THE  
PANAMANIAN CAUSE SO THEY KNEW THAT JUST BECAUSE PANAMANIAN  
MAINTAINED THEIR SERENITY AND PATIENCE, THIS DID NOT MEAN  
THEY WERE GOING TO ACCEPT THE HUMILIATING IMPOSITIONS  
THAT (OPPONENTS) TRIED TO INCLUDE IN THE TREATIES ALREADY

APPROVED BY THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE."

3-LA REPUBLICA YPANISH AND ENGLISH CARRIES FRONT PAGE BANNER HEAD,  
"THOUSAND PARATROOPERS REINFORCE THE ZONE;SENT FROM FORT BRAGG."  
STORY INDICATES SPECIAL FORCES PARATROOPERS WERE OBSERVED ARRIVING  
AND WERE INTENDED TO BOLSTER US FORCES NOW IN ZONEMWIDNAH PROJ-GOP  
CRITICA MENTIONS STORY FEB 24, IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE FREE FORM  
USUAL HYSTRIONICS, "GRINGOS SAY THEY ARE NO ON ALERT."

4-CRITICA QUOTES SOUTHCOM PAO OFFICE AS SAYING PARATROOPERS ARE HERE  
FOR NORMAL TRAINING EXERCISE LASTING TWO-THREE WEEKS, AND WILL BE  
FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER SUCH GROUP, BUT THAT NO STATE OF ALERT NOW EXISTS  
IN ZONE AND PARATROOPERS ARE NOT MEANT AS REINFORCEMENTS. ITEM

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